

House Resolution 790 (RULES COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE) (AM)

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A RESOLUTION

- 1 Creating the House Study Committee on Chronic Kidney Disease; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, chronic kidney disease is a serious condition associated with premature
3 mortality, decreased quality of life, and increased health care expenditures; and
- 4 WHEREAS, recently, using data from death certificates, the Centers for Disease Control and
5 Prevention (CDC) listed kidney disease as the ninth leading cause of death in the United
6 States; however, this statistic underestimates the burden of kidney disease because it does not
7 reflect the high rates of comorbidity in the chronic kidney disease population; and
- 8 WHEREAS, an estimated 20.8 million Americans have diabetes, approximately 50 million
9 Americans have high blood pressure, millions of Americans have some form of kidney
10 disease, and more than 14,000 Georgians currently need some type of dialysis treatment to
11 stay alive; and
- 12 WHEREAS, since two leading causes of chronic kidney disease are diabetes and high blood
13 pressure, it is apparent that the solution lies in prevention; and
- 14 WHEREAS, a state-wide plan is needed to educate public and health care professionals about
15 the advantages and methods of early screening, diagnosis, and treatment of chronic kidney
16 disease and its complications based on the Kidney Disease Outcomes Quality Initiative
17 Clinical Practice Guidelines or other medically recognized clinical practice guidelines; and
- 18 WHEREAS, a state-wide plan is needed to educate health care professionals about early
19 kidney replacement therapy education for patients, including in-center dialysis, home
20 hemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis, and vascular access options and transplantation, prior to
21 the onset of kidney failure; and

1 WHEREAS, a cost-effective, state-wide plan needs to be implemented for early screening,
2 diagnosis, and treatment of chronic kidney disease and its complications for the state's
3 population.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 there is created the House Study Committee on Chronic Kidney Disease to be composed of
6 six members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House. The
7 Speaker of the House shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the
8 committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
10 needs, and issues mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or
11 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
12 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
13 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
14 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
15 shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of
16 Georgia Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by
17 any member of the committee for more than three days unless two additional days are
18 authorized by the Speaker. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution
19 shall come from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the
20 committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for
21 proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before the convening of the 2008
22 session of the General Assembly, at which time the committee shall stand abolished.